

the valleys are explored. It is a most deliciously scented thing perfuming all our pressing - paper - a clean, pure smell, like *Achlys triphylla* only more intense.

No. 2. is not perfectly described - grows on banks where the snow must have lain but a short time kind letter of so long ago. (May 4<sup>th</sup>) before, 23 also we cannot find. 24 - the latter grows on the dry, hot, ridges of the mountain - where it had perfected and discharged seed, long before. But we also found it on banks of Hood River and in the valleys. <sup>in flower</sup> 25. grows the same way, the earlier inflorescence being very diminutive. It is a plant of exquisite hue and scent. No. 50 in dazzling in its brightness common, also 33, 34, 54 and 55. The first (33) and last (55) in countless shades of purple and red. These were whole banks of Valerian, of

We brought a few  
White-Eyed Vireos  
Belted Jay  
of you care for them  
you can have them  
for your

Hood River  
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Dr. Asa Gray  
Dear Sir

Of course I should not dare to make my appearance again without an olive-branch - your very long letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> is worth Dr. Gray's while to read. But a Palaebral fever, from which my eyes still suffer, is my excuse. - That, and consequence, having nothing to be sure (Dr. Barrett made a raid or two upon Mitchells Point getting seeds of *Arabis spicata* for Mr. Watson, but the two packages of *Douglasia laevigata* he brought home were <sup>nearly</sup> barren. He thinks the later flowering after the Columbia's rise, coming in hot weather, probably does

not perfect seed. - However  
that is, we shall try hard  
to gather some next spring, as  
also of the *Pencedanum* <sup>(Erigenia)</sup>, which  
was also part when your letter  
came. Probably it would be  
impossible to find that after  
March. it is so early and  
short-lived - comes in February  
usually.

The package we send with  
this, beside the Arabis seed (70),  
contains plants obtained in a  
trip to Mt. Hood - five hundred feet  
above snow line.

We stopped en route at Spot  
Lake, a deep, triangular sheet  
of blue water, five miles in  
circumference, at about thirty  
to thirty three hundred ft. There  
we found No's 1, 3, 18, 19, 21, 31, 58.

Leaving there, we descended  
perhaps a thousand feet; this  
without means of being accurate but it also grew in some of

and obtained No's. 11, 16, 17, 23, 32  
and 63 on these lower hills  
and slopes. - The rest were  
above snow line.

I did not realize until putting  
them up for the mail, how I  
might have simplified a  
Botanist's work by numbering  
differently. This I did as they  
dried and were laid away.

There may be nothing new -  
indeed we think we have come  
close to most, in our Books. But  
the *Ericaceae* people are. No's. 5, 8, and  
9 are alike except in color and  
shape of corolla.

No. 6 we found on some of the  
high ridges growing like a weed  
in snats, but by the snow streams  
it was from eight to twelve inches  
high - inclined to be decumbent.

No. 51. Was just below the snow  
- a thick hard to side thro'  
without means of being accurate but it also grew in some of

the letter? I have been told that  
he did such things, and, loving  
flowers, I believe he would be  
conscientious in gathering.

Which observation I am just  
conscious must sound strangely  
to eastern ears. -- But children,  
large or small, cannot be relied  
on here after. The youth of this  
Part are too smart. And I have  
yet found no one of leisure whom  
I could trust.

At the last summer I  
have put a *Penedanum* in the  
Package No. 71. The flower and  
leaf is of the later flowering,  
gathered by my <sup>little</sup> daughter, after  
your letter, at the same time  
with seed. This from another  
plant. It blossoms in March,  
but in wet places continues  
sometimes into June.

Hoping my poor eyes will be an  
excuse for the appearance of this  
I remain Truly Mrs. D. G. Barrett

which are preserved no specimen  
for the root, scent and all, is like  
that of the Valley

No 4 goes on a ridge so high that  
a rock, thrown off was forty three  
seconds before reaching the snow  
under which Hood River runs  
the snow above the river looking  
for flowers on its banks for a  
mile or more but coming to a  
precipitous fall -- at least in  
hearing of it -- retraced our steps  
having found Nos. 15, 39, 43, 46, and  
51, besides a tiny *Pistioterus fragilis*  
in fruit, and a *Heuchera* which  
I could not reach and Dr. Hants  
thought like what the Valley grows  
In reaching the Dodecahedron  
(43) very unlike ours in appearance  
I was obliged to climb a steep  
bank just where the snow had  
melted, leaving a yawning  
fissure a foot or eighteen <sup>in</sup> wide

slipping, I only saved myself by springing over the chasm just as I saw I must go. Of course after that experience I was sorry to find, on trying to look it up at home, that the varieties are so near together, and mine crossing seed.

No. 69. Grew on the topmost ridge <sup>above</sup> tree growth, where Dr. Barrett said he looked the everlasting <sup>white</sup> cone in the face. We have attempted to do nothing with it, - for profane hands carelessly lost the half-dozen dried flowers gathered, leaving but one solitary blossom. Is it a Douglasia too?

We looked carefully for *D. laevigata* hoping fortune would put into our hand the seed we were unable to get earlier. It undoubtedly grows somewhere but we did not see

it; tho' we found a little *Pentstemon Menziesii* - and they grow near each other at Witches Pt. We think we have made arrangements to go, if all things are favorable, another year and stay longer.

- Another reason why we wished to seed everything - so that if eyes find anything unusual we may be on the look-out for it next time. Please let us know how and when to send the Douglasia. I enclose in this the few seeds.

It would be very satisfactory of course if we could make our trips pay by gathering seed - but if we cannot I would like to speak <sup>or write</sup> to Mr. Howells about the proposition you made. May I send him